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(John McBride #7)

Date: June 23rd, 2026

To: The Honorable Members of the County Board of Supervisors **From:** The Residents of the Mesa Grove Road Neighborhood (Pala Mesa Drive) **Subject:** Formal Request for Exclusion from Private Road Division (PRD) 13a Assessment

Dear Board Members,

We, the residents representing 11 out of the 13 homes located on Mesa Grove Road, are writing to formally request the immediate exclusion of our neighborhood from the PRD 13a road assessment district.

For several years, our neighborhood operated under explicit written and verbal assurances from county officials that we were excluded from PRD 13a. Only recently, and without proper proactive notice, were we informed of the County's decision to reverse this stance and include us in the assessment. This sudden reversal contradicts years of official correspondence, including direct communications from the San Diego County Department of Public Works and the Program Coordinator of Private Road and Landscape Maintenance (see attached email documentation).

We believe our inclusion in PRD 13a is inequitable, inconsistent, and logically flawed based on the following salient points:

- **Arbitrary and Inconsistent District Boundaries:** There are 13 homes situated on our specific stretch of private road (Mesa Grove Road). Currently, 11 homes are being assessed, while two homes are entirely excluded, despite sharing the exact same road and exit points. Furthermore, the neighboring Pala Mesa Village homes—which are visible from our backyards and share the same proximity to easterly exit routes—are completely excluded. Apportioning assessments in this arbitrary manner is fundamentally unfair.
- **Absence of Proportional Benefit:** PRD 13a encompasses a 5.77-mile stretch of roadway. Our neighborhood sits on a brief 0.5-mile stretch with immediate, direct access to Highway 395. We do not utilize, nor do we derive a special benefit from, the remaining 5.27 miles of the PRD. Despite this, we are being asked to bear the highest and fullest tax burden of the entire district.
- **Double Taxation for Road Maintenance:** Our neighborhood is located on a private road. We already independently fund and manage the maintenance of our own road. Forcing our residents into PRD 13a

effectively subjects us to double taxation for infrastructure we already maintain at our own expense.

- **Critical Emergency Evacuation and Public Safety:** In the event of a wildfire or emergency evacuation, the only logical, fastest, and safest route of egress for our homes is a direct exit onto Highway 395, which is a stone's throw away. Attempting to evacuate in the opposite direction—deeper into the PRD 13a interior—would be highly illogical and gravely hazardous. We should not be financially leveraged to maintain an infrastructure network that we cannot safely use in a crisis.
- **Lack of Due Process and Historical Precedent:** For years, the County explicitly affirmed our exclusion. Reversing this decision recently, with minimal notice and no material change in our geographic layout or road usage, violates the expectation of administrative consistency and fair play.

We thank the Board Members for your time, leadership, and careful consideration of this matter. We are confident that upon reviewing the attached evidence and the geographical realities of our neighborhood, you will find our request valid and act to restore equity by excluding our homes from PRD 13a.

Sincerely,

The Mesa Grove Road Neighborhood (*Representing 11 of the 13 affected parcels on Pala Mesa Drive*)

Pete McBride

Luis Villa

Attachments:

- Historical email correspondence from San Diego County Department of Public Works.

[Hello Pete and Luis,](#)

[Thank you for contacting us. Sorry for the confusion with the letters. You are correct, your properties are not subject for the PRD 13A assessment since your direct access is outside the PRD road](#)

segments. Since you're still technically within the PRD zone boundaries we were obligated to include you on any communications. Sorry again for any confusion this caused.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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From: "Searing, Neil" <Neil.Searing@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Subject: PRD 13A Assessments

Date: July 9, 2021 at 9:42:42 AM PDT

To: "villafamily87@gmail.com" <villafamily87@gmail.com>

Hello Louis,

Hope you're keeping well. To summarize our conversation yesterday the County has determined that access to your property (APN 125-210-21), and the surrounding properties listed below, are outside of the PRD 13A boundary and PRD road segment. As a result, your assessment charges will be set to \$0. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

[APN's](#)

125-210-15-00

125-210-16-00

125-210-17-00

125-210-19-00

125-210-20-00

125-210-21-00

125-210-22-00

125-210-23-00

125-210-24-00

125-210-27-00

125-210-28-00

125-210-29-00

Regards,

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- Historical email correspondence from the Program Coordinator of Private Road and Landscape.

Hello Luis,

I am just returning from an extended leave. Our records have your parcels inside the boundaries of the PRD, but you are flagged with alternative access. Therefore, you will likely continue to receive mail communications about the PRD, but you are flagged as no benefit and your parcels are not charged. Please let me know if you have any other questions.



Thank you,

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Land Use and Environment Group
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- Parcel map highlighting the 11 included homes, the 2 excluded homes on the same road, and proximity to Highway 395.

